

A CARD FROM MR. BISHOP.

POCHE, March 29, 1877.

EDITOR POCHE RECORD:—My attention has been called to what purports to be the only true and genuine "Confession of John D. Lee." Some of the papers say this pretended last statement was handed District Attorney Howard on the field just before the execution. That much of the statement is false. Lee never gave Howard, or any other person, a line in writing that disputes the confession that I have in my possession. The confession, as published in the papers which owe allegiance to the Pacific News Union, does not give Lee's statement in full; it does not give the names of fifty and odd red-handed wretches that aided in the massacre; it does not state who did the killing on the field as fully as the corrected confession in my hands gives the same, but it will be seen that this pretended confession does confirm every sentence which Lee gave me after it was carefully corrected.

Some of the editors who are angry because they did not obtain for their papers the early news as given by the New York Herald and San Francisco Chronicle, and also in the Record, intimate that I made the confession of John D. Lee public prematurely. All I have to say about these silly and venomous statements is this: John D. Lee has given me authority in writing—and at a time since District Attorney Howard obtained a statement from Lee—requesting me to publish his confession as soon as I saw fit to do so. I never have been required to retain the same secret until his execution; but, as a faithful attorney, I refused to make the same public as long as there was a hope of saving Lee's life. Any person who intimates that I have in any way violated my professional word, or been unfaithful to my client, John D. Lee, in any way, shape or manner, does so knowing the same to be a groundless falsehood. An editor or news-gatherer who will, for selfish purposes, cast such unjust insinuations upon any man who has worked, as all know I have worked, for John D. Lee, is, in my judgment, a white-livered, detestable coward, that it would be a crime to call a man. The statements I have given to the public concerning John D. Lee are all true, and so acknowledged by him several days after the day of his execution had been fixed, and I disavow all who dispute the fact as cowardly curs and venomous liars.

Very Respectfully Yours,
W. W. Bishop.

DISTRICT COURT.

The District Court met on Monday, March 26th, at 10 A. M., and transacted the following business:

In the matter of the estate of Jose Fernandez, A. B. O'Dougherty filed exception and the petition and final account withdrawn.

Estate of Earl Hamilton, deceased; an order confirming the sale of real estate made.

Estate of William Lawry, deceased; Wm. Pierce appointed administrator, the bond to be filed to be \$1,200. Jas. Frazier, Robert Frazier and Wm. Johns appointed appraisers, and Thompson Campbell appointed attorney for the absent heirs. Court then adjourned for the term.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—An Indian accidentally shot himself in the calf of the left leg, below the knee, on Sunday last, whilst pulling a six-shooter from a belt he had strapped around his body. The wound did not hurt him much until Monday morning, at which time he came to town from the Indian camp, where the accident occurred, to have the wound attended to. The doctor, upon examination, found that the ball had lodged against the bone of the leg. The wound was so inflamed that it was impossible to extract it, so the wound was dressed and the Indian sent on his way until the inflammation would subside enough to allow the ball to be extracted.

CHANGE OF ROADS.—We are informed by Fred Gilmer that the change of stock on the Salt Lake road between Pioche and Leeds will take place to-morrow, and that coaches will commence running on it Monday. This route will be twenty miles shorter than the old one. Stages will go by way of Bullionville and Shoal Creek.

REDEMPTION FUND.—All bids that have been left with the County Treasurer of Lincoln county for the one thousand dollars now in the Redemption Fund, will be opened to-day at the County Recorder's office by the County Commissioners and the amount awarded to those who offer the largest amounts of scrip for the smallest amount of money.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of County Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday next, April 2d. All bills must be presented to the Clerk of the Board to-day. The tax levy for the year 1877 will be made on Monday, it being the last day allowed by the law.

MEETING NOTICE.—The members of Lightner Hook and Ladder Company are notified that Monday next, April 2d, is the regular monthly meeting of the Company. The meeting will take place at the truck-house of the Company at 7 1/2 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

BULLION.—Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped \$9,263 in bullion during the past week, it being the product of the Condor and Alps mills.

FROM SILVER REEF.—We have before us a letter dated Silver Reef, March 23, 1877, which says: Some one who is down on the mining district of Harrisburg, has spread the report that it was a good camp for lawyers, and they are accordingly swarming in from all directions—from Arizona, Salt Lake City, Colorado and Nevada. As far as money is concerned, it is rather dull here. Some sales of different magnitudes are spoken of, and if we have a few more incorporations here, this camp will support a great many miners in a short time. One of the great advantages here is the water power. Preparations are now in progress to build a ten-stamp mill on the Virgin. There are several more mill-sites on the river. Dapair's mill started up but had to shut down again, as he forgot to build a brake on his wheel; when that is fixed it will start up again for good. The Starmer mine, owned by Dr. Smith, of Salt Lake City, has a large body of ore, which appears to hold out well. The ore body is four feet wide and continues to the bottom of the shaft, which has reached a depth of 84 feet. The ore will mill \$125 per ton. The Leeds mill is now working custom ore, that is, such ore as will work \$200 per ton. It pays the Company better than working their own. The last batch of ore from here has reached Pioche; don't look for any more. The threat of the Lincoln county Assessor to tax all the bullion proceeds from ores from here has had its effect. Although the chlorides know that they cannot be lawfully collected, no one is willing to burden himself with an unprofitable law-suit. It is plain to me that the report was gotten up for the benefit of the Leeds Company's mill by their advisers. There are a great many mines bonded, and in about two months there will be real life here.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.—The last Legislature passed an act providing means for the payment of certain expenses in the county of Lincoln, a special fund being created, known as the "Current Expense Fund." The said act authorizes the County Commissioners of said county to levy a special tax (at the time of levying the tax for State and county purposes) not to exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of the taxable property of the county and on the proceeds of the mines, which is to be used in payment of the following expenses and none other, to wit: Repairs on the Court-house and jail, stationery, fuel and lights, board, clothing, bedding and medicines for prisoners confined in the County Jail, and the necessary current expenses incident to the care of the indigent sick of said county, whether the said indigent sick are cared for in the County Hospital or otherwise provided for.

INDIAN FESTIVAL.—The Indians in their wickiups near Pioche have been having a regular blow-out the past week in honor of the advent of Spring weather. Into the large canvas tent that they have at their encampment they would all gather singing songs, dancing, drinking, &c. If their whisky would give out during the evening, they would despatch one of their number to some accommodating store-keeper for a renewal of the supply, and then would keep up their jubilee until a late hour in the night, or until they all became too exhausted to keep it up any longer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE.—The Newark mine, mill, boarding-house, etc., owned by the Newark Silver Mining Company, were yesterday sold by the Deputy U. S. Marshal, J. P. Curtis, at the Court House door at 12 o'clock, to satisfy a judgment of \$20,000 obtained by Mary Jane Williams against said Company. The property was purchased by the plaintiff's attorney for the amount of the judgment, costs and accruing costs.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—A Sheriff's sale will take place to-day of the stock of clothing and furnishing goods in the store adjoining that of J. Eisenmann & Co., formerly occupied by Jos. Rich. The sale of the goods will be for cash to the highest bidder, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of a judgment against Jos. Rich by W. and J. Steinhart.

ORE FROM SILVER REEF.—The ore brought from Silver Reef by Billy Goodman and Alfred Grant was worked at the Condor mill, the pulp assays of Goodman's being \$177, \$230 and \$279; that of Grant's was \$168. About 35 tons was the amount worked. The boys left on Monday last for home.

ADDITIONAL OF LEE'S CONFESSION.—We publish to-day another abstract of the confession of John D. Lee, made to his counsel, W. W. Bishop, who has kindly furnished us with it. It contains some things of interest in regard to the workings of matters connected with the Mormon Priesthood.

RAYMOND & ELY MILL.—The Raymond & Ely thirty-stamp mill started to work on Monday last, ten stamps being kept to work crushing ore and the principal portion of the pans and settlers being used to work the tailings.

RAYMOND & ELY ORE.—Ten cars loaded with ore were dispatched to the 30-stamp mill on Thursday last for reduction. The ore came from the Raymond & Ely mine.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to the Young Men's Social Club for an invitation to a social party to be given by them at Brown's Hall on Monday evening next April 2, 1877.

TUSCARORA.—Charley Leach, a former resident of Pioche, is now formen of the Grand Prize mine, at Tuscarora District, Elko county, Nevada.

THE GAME LAW.—The game law enacted by the last Legislature takes effect to-morrow, (Sunday) April 1st.

A QUICK RUN.—"Juno" is a well-known dog of Pioche and heavy on running down rabbits. On Monday last he was taken to Bullionville on the Nevada Central train, and being busily engaged in hunting rabbits in that locality, he paid no attention to the engineer's whistle for all hands to get aboard, so the train left without him. "Juno" quickly perceived that the train had started, and that if something was not done he would be left to shift for himself in that desolate locality, and not liking the idea very much, he made tracks after the train, succeeding in getting up to it at Condor Canyon, where it had stopped. The distance is about nine miles and he made the run in twenty minutes. The dog appears to have been fond of this kind of business, as on Wednesday last when the train was again despatched to Condor Canyon and Bullionville he followed after it and was taken aboard the train. He reached Bullionville safely, and started to come back with the train, but after passing Condor Canyon and near the trestle work, (the ride on the cars became too monotonous for the animal, so he jumped off and started to run ahead of the locomotive. He was not, however, fast enough, as the engine struck him and then ran over his body, severing it into halves. The dog was so close alongside of the engine that the engineer was unable to see him. On news reaching Pioche a sausage machine was immediately despatched so the scene of the mishap.

FREIGHT.—The Railroad Company, says the Eureka Sentinel, is very busy at its several repairing shops getting things in order, in anticipation of a large increase in the freighting business during the coming summer. Old wagons are undergoing repairs, harness mended and put in good shape, mules shod, etc., and an influx of goods will find the company ready to forward them without delay. We understand that some very heavy machinery will be shipped to Pioche as soon as the work on it is completed by the San Francisco Iron Works. The Meadow Valley Mining Company will ship a pumping apparatus, similar to the Raymond & Ely's, and this, with the necessary supplies for Ward, Tybo, Belmont and other camps, will tax the company's resources to their utmost.

SNOWING AND BLOWING.—The month of March this year in Pioche, has reversed the old adage concerning it, to wit: that it "comes in roaring like a lion and goes out like a lamb," as up to Wednesday last, during the whole month we have experienced nothing but Spring and Summer weather. The weather was indeed so pleasant that the trees planted around town commenced budding, but on Wednesday last a great change occurred, the wind commencing to blow a perfect gale, continuing until Thursday evening, when snow commenced to fall. Snowing continued throughout Thursday night and in the morning it was one foot deep on the level through the town. Yesterday it was alternately snowing and thawing. The heavy snow will be of immense benefit to the ranchers around in the different valleys surrounding Pioche.

DEAD.—We publish to-day the notice of the death of Louis Felsenthal at San Francisco, Cal., March 24th. Louis Felsenthal was a resident of Pioche for several years, being associated with his father in the grocery and clothing business. He left here for Panamint, Cal., and from thence to Arizona, in which Territory he contracted a fever, of which he never was cured and died from its effects.

SPLENDID SPECIMEN.—We were shown on Tuesday last by Doctor S. L. Lee a splendid specimen from the Tecumseh mine, at Silver Reef, presented to him by Mr. Barbee. The specimen looks like stone coal, interspersed with native silver, and is a petrified cactus root, heavy with metals, it having in it \$80 in silver and \$20 in gold. This is the first we have heard of the ore there carrying gold.

TAXES.—The Assessors of the different counties in this State when they make out their assessment list for 1877 will assess Church property of all kinds, Masonic and Odd Fellows' Association property and all other property belonging to associations which has hitherto been exempt from taxation.

WANTS TO KNOW.—Emile Charles Jeniser, of La Baie du Fevre, Province of Quebec, Canada, is desirous of hearing from Victor Jeniser, a former resident of Pioche. The said Emile is the father of Victor and has heard nothing of him for the past three years.

N. C. R. R.—The Nevada Central Railroad made three trips this week to the mill at Condor Canyon and the 30-stamp mill at Bullionville. There has been quite a quantity of ore hauled to these mills lately.

AGENTS.—Messrs. Griffin and Todman are agents for the purchase of ore for J. D. Williams, who runs the furnace at Milford, Utah. Any one desiring to sell batches of ore will apply to them at Wells, Fargo & Co.'s office.

CLEANING UP.—All the refuse matter and dirt on Main street has been brushed up in piles and carted away. It is about time, for the streets were in a horrible condition.

COURT CALENDAR.—The Court calendar for the April term of the District Court will be set on Monday next, April 2d, by Judge Rives.

LEADS BULLION.—Bullion to the amount of \$10,066 arrived from Harrisburg Mining District during the past week.

CONSIDERED UNSAFE.—The sharp snapping of a scantling in the roof of the Meadow Valley street school house caused the teacher to hastily adjourn that institution yesterday afternoon, fearing that disastrous results might ensue from the great weight of snow that had collected on the roof. The snow was immediately removed and proper steps taken to make all safe for Monday morning.

THE SAN JOSE HOUSE.—Mrs. James Pierson will to-morrow, (Sunday) April 1st, take charge of and open the San Jose House, which she will run as a first-class Hotel. The table will be supplied with the best that the market affords, and no efforts will be spared to make guests comfortable. See notice in to-day's Record.

ALL FOOL'S DAY.—Sunday, April 1st, brings us again to the day of practical joking, or as it was anciently called, "All Fools' Day." We suppose the usual number of practical jokes will be repeated, and some will be caught by them who on the repetition of the day are usually sold in the same manner.

EASTER SUNDAY.—To-morrow, April 1st, is Easter Sunday, the festival appointed in commemoration of Christ's resurrection, and is the seventh Sunday after Shrove Tuesday (which occurred on the 13th of February), or the first after the full moon, which happened on the 28th of March.

RAYMOND & ELY.—Nothing new to report in regard to the working of the mine. One piece of spur-wheel is still on the road, and will probably arrive during next week. The spur-wheel will be put in running order during the coming month.

ALPS COMPANY.—The Alps mill having closed for repairs, the Condor mill is now running night and day on custom ore. The Alps mine is looking well, having a good prospect and some ore being extracted.

FOREMAN.—D. M. Tyrrell, formerly Superintendent of the Raymond & Ely and Meadow Valley mines, is foreman of the Overman mine, on the Comstock range. Charley Foreman is Superintendent of the same.

AGES OF OUR PRESIDENTS.—General Grant is one of the three Presidents of the United States who have passed their 50th birthday in the Executive office—the other two being Mr. Polk, who entered the office about seven months before he was fifty years old, and General Pierce, who became President in his 49th year. Gen. Washington was in his 58th year when he became President; John Adams was in his 62d; Jefferson in his 58th; Monroe in his 59th; John Quincy Adams in his 58th; Gen. Jackson in his 62d; Van Buren in his 55th; Gen. Harrison in his 69th; Tyler in his 52d; Gen. Taylor in his 65th; Lincoln in his 53d, and Johnson in his 57th year. Gen. Harrison was the oldest man ever elected to the Presidency, and General Grant is the youngest. Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and John Quincy Adams were in their 58th year when they entered the Presidency; Mr. Monroe completed his 59th year only fifty-five days after he became President; and Johnson was in his 56th year when he succeeded President Lincoln. Four Presidents went out of office in their 60th year, namely, Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, and Madison. President Jackson was the oldest of all our retiring Presidents, as he went out of office only eleven days before the completion of his 70th year. Mr. Buchanan left office fifty days before he became 70 years old. The President who lived longest was John Adams, who died in his 85th year. The next oldest was Madison, who died in his 86th year. Jefferson died in his 84th year; John Quincy Adams in his 81st year; Van Buren in his 80th year; General Jackson in his 79th year. The youngest retiring President was Gen. Pierce, who went out of office not quite four months after he had completed his 52d year. Mr. Polk retired in his 54th year, and died in a little more than three months later, at the age of 53 years, 7 months and 13 days, the youngest of all our Presidents in death.

VAULTING AMBITION O'ERLEAPING ITSELF.—Captain Byrne, of the police force, after the fire last evening, went searching about the premises for any stray brands which might be fanned into a blaze after the firemen were withdrawn, and soon found himself up to his neck in it—well, no matter what. It surely was not what he sought. He was in bad odor thereafter, even among his friends. He looked mighty grand, however, a little later with Jailer Carpenter's clothes on. K. B. thinks of keeping him for an extinguisher. [Virginia Enterprise.]

The Colfax (Cal.) Enterprise says: It is currently reported and generally believed that some Chinamen who are mining in Humboldt canyon, about 12 miles above Iowa Hill, have found a chunk of gold of great value, and it reports are not exaggerated too much, it is the largest ever found in any country. The best informed men on the subject believe the chunk to weigh 300 pounds, but as it is in the hands of Chinamen its real value will probably never be known.

A Kentucky editor remarks that ninety-nine out of a hundred people make a great mistake when they cut off a dog's tail, in throwing away the wrong end.

She was telling a female friend how Mary Jane quarrelled with her "feller," and said she, "Why, if you heard 'em talk, you'd think they were married."

BLUE GLASS.—Talk about "blue glass" but don't fail to try the Blue Grass (Ky.) Bourbon, at Panaca Saloon, Lacour Street. One price! one bit!!

LATEST BY MAIL.

New York, March 26.

A World's New Orleans special says: The situation is graver to-day than it has been since November. Hayes' prospective commission on his so embittered the people of the State against him that they will make no concession not forced out of them by military power. There will be no hesitation or delay by the Nichols government in perfecting its organization, and this will be done without regard to its inquiries from Washington or intimations that it will be construed as a violation of the statu quo. It is considered that the statu quo no longer exists; in fact, its continuance would be destructive of governmental authority and is felt to be incompatible with public order. Suggestions of General Anger and intimations of forcible intervention are entirely unheeded by the Nichols government, which only represents the decided public opinion in following this course. It could not do otherwise if it would. The people here are tired of Hayes and his policy.

The World's editorial article says that the compact by which Hayes secured the electoral vote is making a great excitement and involves Hayes personally. It points to Hayes' Southern policy as proof that he is personally interested, and adds: "It seems clear, moreover, that other leading Republicans, naturally Sherman and Garfield, were involved in this bargain to secure the acquiescence of the South in Hayes' inauguration, and that affair was carried so far that Grant actually ordered a withdrawal of troops from Louisiana. The evidence on this point is said to be conclusive, and if it sustains the charge, the result of the revelation must be the moral and political ruin of the Republicans engaged in the compact. Treachery of such bargain towards their allies disgraces them as partisans. Treachery towards those with whom they made the treaty, in refusing to carry out their agreement, disgraces them as men."

A Tribune editorial says: Really this bargain to which Matthews, Foster and Gordon were parties has dwindled so much already that it is hardly visible to the naked eye. The President knew nothing of it; both sides say so, and Gordon is the only Democrat who was a party to this treaty who makes this declaration in emphatic terms. Wade Hampton, of the two persons principally interested, says he knew nothing of it, and he is indignant at the suggestion that the President had any knowledge of it.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Governor Chamberlain, accompanied by Senator Patterson, and Mr. Corbett, Senator elect of South Carolina, made a short call to-day on the President.

The President has appointed Samuel B. McLin Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico; Wellington Bird, of Iowa, Agent for the Indians at the White River Agency in Montana. CHICAGO, March 28.—Senator Davis, of Illinois, was closeted with Judge Drummond, of the United States Circuit Court, and a mutual friend authoritatively states that Davis has authority from the President to offer Judge Drummond the vacant Supreme Judgeship. His claims are undoubted, though the President at first intended to appoint a Southern man.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The Supreme Court to-day delivered the long-looked for decision in the Pacheco case. It will be remembered that Pacheco applied for a writ mandating to compel the Secretary of State to issue a certificate to applicant of election to Congress from the Fourth District. Wigginton, the opposing candidate, filed a demurrer. To-day Justices Wallace, Niles, Rhodes and McKinsley filed a decision overruling the demurrer. Justice Crockett delivered a dissenting opinion. The case will now come up on its merits, but Pacheco's attorneys consider that the present decision practically settles the question in his favor.

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